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**MINUTES OF THE  
FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (FICEMS)  
Ambulance Safety Subcommittee**

<b>DATE &amp; TIME:</b>	December 3, 2004 1:00 p.m.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	National Technical Information Service (NTIS) Room 2029 5285 Port Royal Road Springfield, VA 22151
<b>MEMBER AGENCY REPRESENTATION:</b>	<b>Department of Homeland Security</b> <i>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</i> Mr. John Brasko United States Fire Administration
	<b>Department of Agriculture</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Commerce (DOC)</b> Jeannette Young Reese National Technical Information Service (NTIS)  Wayne Strickland National Technical Information Service (NTIS)
	<b>Department of Defense (DOD)</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)</b> Ms. Nancy Romano AS Subcommittee Chair National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)  Mr. Paul Moore National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

	Ms. Blanca Fuertes HRSA, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
	<b>Department of Interior</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Justice (DOJ)</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Labor</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Transportation (DOT)</b> Mr. David Bryson National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)  Mr. Drew Dawson National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)  Ms. Carol Ferro National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
	<b>Department of Veteran Affairs</b> No Representation
	<b>Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)</b> No Representation
	<b>Federal Communications Commission</b> No Representation
	<b>General Services Administration (GSA)</b> Mr. John McDonald
<b>OTHER ATTENDEES PRIVATE SECTOR:</b>	<b>American Ambulance Association</b> Mr. Kurt Krumperman
	<b>American Integrated Training Systems</b> Mr. Billy Rutherford
	<b>International Safety Equipment Association</b> Mr. Dan Glucksman*
	<b>Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System</b> Ms. Rene Fechter

		<b>National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)</b> Mr. Joe Robison
		<b>Trauma EMS Technical Assistance Center</b> Mr. Terry Mullins*
		<b>Harlem Hospital</b> Ms. Nadine Levick*

***\*Dial-in Participants***

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS**

Ms. Nancy Romano called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and proceeded with introductions.

**II. REVIEW OF PAST MEETING MINUTES & ACTION ITEMS**

Ms. Romano made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September, the minutes were approved.

Ms. Romano reviewed the status of the action items generated from the September meeting. Actions (A) and Status (S) is listed below from the previous meetings action items:

**A:** Ms. Romano will suggest to the main FICEMS committee to switch times with CT subcommittee to allow more participation from those on the West Coast (**AI**).

**S:** Approved, moved to the 1:00 PM time slot

**A:** Ms. Romano will provide a list of Federal agency meetings/conferences to Mr. Leonard. Ms. Romano did not provide this list as she does not have one compiled to distribute to the group. Dave Bryson offered to forward a list of conferences they attend to Ms. Romano. Ms. Romano & Mr. Troop will work together to compile a list of Federal agencies and will be distributed sometime later this month (**AI**).

**S:** Completed, provided handout at this meeting

**A:** Ms. Romano will provide a transcription of the teleconference discussion that was provided by Dr. Jeff Lindsay on Simulation Effects and Benefits. Ms. Romano should receive it this week and will distribute it to the group (**AI**).

**S:** Completed

**A:** Mr. Bryson wants to have a teleconference (September/October) to discuss the one page handout (Ambulance Safety National Meeting) (**AI**).

**S:** Delayed, continuing efforts to coordinate and plan this meeting are underway. Teleconference expected to be in February 2005.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Dave Bryson, NHTSA, provided an update on the progression of the planning for the Ambulance Safety National Meeting (see attached handout). Mr. Bryson noted that the

progression had slowed based on authorization and budget issues but now they are back on track and hope to determine a date, time and location after the first of the year.

Mr. Bryson suggested having an open discussion regarding the meeting. He is looking for input/feedback regarding the following issues:

1. Is there a specific group who should do presentations that are not/have not been recognized thus far?
2. Are there any additional partners that need to be invited?
3. Agenda review as it relates to data collection – provide feedback on content, duration etc...

Ms. Romano, NIOSH, will send out an email to the Ambulance Safety Subcommittee soliciting feedback or responses to the above questions **(AI)**.

Mr. Terry Mullins, Trauma EMS TAC, requested to be added to the email distribution list **(AI)**.

Mr. Kurt Krumperman, AAA, suggested that insurers such as VFIS collect information and may be part of the solution, especially as it relates to data points. He also suggested technology vendors. Though technology is not the primary topic for this meeting, the technology vendors have products that collect the data.

Dr. Nadine Levick, Harlem Hospital, requested that peer reviewed, scientific data needs to be recognized on the agenda as it is the most critical data available.

Mr. Billy Rutherford, AITS, reiterated that the national meetings focus is on data collection, then the information can be evaluated and analyzed to decide the next steps.

Mr. Drew Dawson, NTHSA, asked the group if they were on the right track with the agenda.

Ms. Nancy Romano suggested maybe utilizing a day and a half as the amount of time may not allow for all they want to cover.

Mr. Wayne Strickland, NTIS, wanted clarification on the purpose of the meeting.

Mr. Drew Dawson, reiterated that they know what data is being collected and they are looking to find out what data has not been collected then they can perform a gap analysis to determine the results.

### ***Reports: Other Interested Parties***

Mr. Billy Rutherford reported he was glad to hear that NHTSA was taking the lead on data collection. He expressed his worries that sometimes technology is used to try to solve things that may not be correctable with technology. It may need the human factor.

Mr. Rutherford feels that data should be taken from military studies and we should broaden our view and bring military representatives to the table as they have similar factors.

Dr. Levick noted that management has to be involved and may only be effective with management support.

Mr. Rutherford agreed.

Ms. Blanca Fuertes, HHS, also mentioned that UNC-Chapel Hill is one of the research centers involved in EMS related issues and they may be a good resource for research and data collection efforts.

Mr. Kurt Krumperman agreed with Mr. Rutherford on including the military studies but asked how can we find out the information and indeed bring it forward.

Mr. Rutherford will help identify the sources and plans on a follow-on conference call in February 2005.

Dr. Levick also suggested the September 11, 2001 Society for Automotive Engineers Safety Symposium as a good resource.

#### **IV. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Romano requested for Mr. Patrick, VFIS to present his presentation on Preemption Systems at the March 2005 meeting.

Ms. Romano requested for Mr. Ron Thackery to conduct a demo of the Concept Ambulance at the March 2005 meeting location.

Further discussion of the Ambulance Safety National Meeting by Mr. Dave Bryson

#### **V. NEW and/or ONGOING ACTION ITEMS**

1. Mr. Bryson wants to have a teleconference (January/February) to continue discussions regarding the Ambulance Safety National Meeting **(AI)**.
2. Ms. Romano, NIOSH, will send out an email to the Ambulance Safety Subcommittee soliciting feedback or responses to the three questions related to further feedback on the Ambulance Safety National Meeting **(AI)**.
3. Mr. Terry Mullins, Trauma EMS TAC, requested to be added to the email distribution list, Ms. Romano will add him to the list **(AI)**.

#### **VI. NEXT MEETING**

March 3, 2005, 1:00 p.m.

Tentative: HHS, Parklawn Bldg, Rockville, MD

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.